

**West Tennessee Railroad Authority
Financial Statements
June 30, 2013**

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
West Tennessee Railroad Authority

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of West Tennessee Railroad Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, which collectively comprise the Railroad's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the West Tennessee Railroad Authority, as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 17, 2013, on our consideration of West Tennessee Railroad Authority's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering West Tennessee Railroad Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Gregory N. Lee, CPA
Humboldt, Tennessee
December 17, 2013

West Tennessee Railroad Authority Management

Management Officials

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tom Witherspoon | Acting Chairman |

Those Charged with Governance

Houston Patrick
Tom Witherspoon
Marvin Pickens
Ronnie Price
Smokey Joe Roland
Holt Shoaf
Wilburn Gene Ashe
Benny McGuire
Jimmy Harris
Art Chivers
James Daniel

West Tennessee Railroad Authority
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2013

| | <u>Primary Government Governmental Activities</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Assets</u> | |
| Current Assets: | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 110,258 |
| Total Assets | <u>110,258</u> |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | |
| Accounts Payable | <u>-</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>-</u> |
| <u>Net Assets</u> | |
| Invested in Capital Assets, net of related debt | - |
| Unrestricted (deficit) | 114,823 |
| Total Net Assets | <u>\$ 114,823</u> |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

West Tennessee Railroad Authority
Statements of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

| | | | | | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | | Primary Government |
| Functions/Programs | Expenses | Charges for Services | Operating Grants and Contributions | Capital Grants and Contributions | Total Governmental Activities |
| Primary Government | | | | | |
| Governmental Activities | | | | | |
| General Government | \$ 1,617,682 | | \$ 1,623,609 | | \$ 5,927 |
| Public Safety | | | | | - |
| Public Services | | | | | - |
| Culture & Recreation | | | | | - |
| Interest and Other Charges | | | | | - |
| Total Governmental Activities | 1,617,682 | - | 1,623,609 | - | 5,927 |
| General Revenues | | | | | - |
| Total General Revenues | | | | | - |
| Change in Net Assets | | | | | \$ 5,927 |
| Net Assets, July 1 | | | | | 108,896 |
| Net Assets, June 30 | | | | | \$ 114,823 |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Fund Balance Sheets
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2013

| | Primary Government | |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| | General Fund | Total Governmental Funds |
| <u>Assets</u> | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 110,258 | \$ 110,258 |
| Total Assets | \$ 110,258 | \$ 110,258 |
| <u>Liabilities</u> | | |
| Accounts Payable | - | - |
| Total Liabilities | - | - |
| <u>Fund Balances</u> | | |
| Unassigned | 110,258 | 110,258 |
| Total Fund Balances | 110,258 | 110,258 |
| Total Liabilities & Fund Balances | \$ 110,258 | \$ 110,258 |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

West Tennessee Railroad Authority
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2013

| | |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds | \$ 110,258 |
| Net Assets of Governmental Activities | <u>\$ 110,258</u> |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

West Tennessee Railroad Authority
Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

| | Primary Government | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | General Fund | Total Governmental Funds |
| <u>Revenues</u> | | |
| Department of Transportation | \$ 1,623,609 | \$ 1,623,609 |
| Total Revenues | <u>1,623,609</u> | <u>1,623,609</u> |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | |
| Current Operating: | | |
| General Government: | | |
| Advertising | 470 | 470 |
| Engineering | 1,616,957 | 1,616,957 |
| Insurance | 210 | 210 |
| Legal & Professional | 4,565 | |
| Office Supplies | 45 | 45 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>1,622,247</u> | <u>1,617,682</u> |
| Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures | <u>\$ 1,362</u> | <u>\$ 5,927</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balances | <u>\$ 1,362</u> | <u>\$ 5,927</u> |
| Fund Balances, July 1 | <u>108,896</u> | <u>108,896</u> |
| Fund Balances, June 30 | <u>\$ 110,258</u> | <u>\$ 114,823</u> |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

West Tennessee Railroad Authority
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2013

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds | \$ 5,927 |
| Change in Net Assets of Governmental Funds | <u>\$ 5,927</u> |

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The West Tennessee Railroad Authority (the Railroad) was established in 2001, pursuant to TCA 7-56-201. The Railroad is a pass-through entity for state funds. Those funds are used for repairs, maintenance, construction, and rehabilitation of the rail line.

Reporting Entity

The Railroad was created by Gibson County, Tennessee, in conjunction with Chester County, Madison County, McNairy County, Obion County, and Weakley County. The Board is composed of the County Executive of Gibson and Madison counties, and various representatives as appointed by the other counties; however, the counties and cities do not have any ongoing financial interest or responsibility for the entity. The Railroad has no associated component units.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide financial statements include the statement of net assets and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information for the Railroad as a whole. Individual funds are not displayed.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges to users of the Railroad's services, (2) operating grants and contributions which finance annual operating activities, and (3) capital grants and contributions which fund the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of capital assets. Taxes and other revenue sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns. The Railroad has no non-major funds.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements of the Railroad are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The Railroad applies all relevant

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Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements and applicable Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principals Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless they conflict with GASB pronouncements.

Government-wide statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally including the reclassification or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The Railroad considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 30 days of the end of the fiscal year. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred except for general obligation principal and interest which are reported as expenditures in the year due.

Major revenue services susceptible to accrual include: Department of Revenue funds and Interest. In general, other revenues are recorded when cash is received.

Fund Types and Major Funds

Governmental Funds

The Railroad reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – reports as the primary fund of the Railroad. This fund is used to account for all financial resources.

Other Fund Types

The Railroad has no other fund types.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Railroad considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

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Capital Assets, Depreciation, and Amortization

The Railroad has no capital assets.

Long-term Debt

The Railroad has no long-term debt.

Compensated Absences

The Railroad has no employees.

Budgets

The Railroad has not adopted a formal budget and is not legally required to do so.

Fund Balance Classification Policies

Committed Funds - approval by the Board, which is the Railroad's highest level of decision-making authority, is required to establish, modify, or rescind a fund balance commitment.

Assigned Funds – authorization to assign amounts to a specific purpose is given to the Board.

Use of Committed Resources

The Railroad has no committed resources.

Use of Restricted Resources

The Railroad has no restricted resources.

Note 2 – Cash and Investments

The Railroad is authorized to invest in interest-bearing checking accounts, savings accounts, certificates of deposits, Tennessee Local Government Investment Pool, and Government Securities. All funds of the Railroad on deposit at financial institutions have federal depository insurance.

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Note 3 - Risk Management

The Railroad has no employees. Officers of the Railroad are bonded for \$60,000 through the RLI Insurance Company.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other
Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed
in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards**

To the Board of Directors
West Tennessee Railroad Authority

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of West Tennessee Railroad Authority, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, which collectively comprise West Tennessee Railroad Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2013. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered West Tennessee Railroad Authority's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of West Tennessee Railroad Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of West Tennessee Railroad Authority's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses that we consider to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting: findings 2011-01 through 2011-03 are considered significant

deficiencies. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether West Tennessee Railroad Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of West Tennessee Railroad Authority in a separate letter dated December 17, 2013.

West Tennessee Railroad Authority's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. We did not audit West Tennessee Railroad Authority's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the board of directors, others within the entity, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory N. Lee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gregory N. Lee, CPA
Humboldt, Tennessee
December 17, 2013

West Tennessee Railroad Authority
Schedule of Findings & Responses
June 30, 2013

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditors' report expresses an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of West Tennessee Railroad Authority.
2. Significant deficiencies were disclosed during the audit. The significant deficiencies are as shown in Part B. None of the significant deficiencies are material weaknesses.

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

2011-01 – Significant Deficiency: Management Oversight and Monitoring

Condition:

Financial Statements are not reviewed by the Board of Directors on a periodic basis.

Criteria:

The financial statements should be presented to and reviewed by the governing body on a periodic basis.

Cause:

Poorly designed policies and procedures.

Effect:

Misstatements due to error or fraud could occur without being detected and corrected.

Recommendation:

Financial statements should be reviewed by the Board of Directors on a periodic basis, either monthly or quarterly.

Management Response:

Management concurs with this finding. Although this control is difficult to implement, because the Board of Directors does not meet on a monthly basis, management will consider ways in which the financial statements can be reviewed by the governing body.

2011-02 – Significant Deficiency: No Budget

Condition:

No budget is adopted by the organization.

Criteria:

A budget should be adopted each year, and results compared against the budgeted amounts.

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Cause:

Poorly designed policies and procedures.

Effect:

Misstatements due to error or fraud could occur without being detected and corrected.

Recommendation:

A budget should be adopted each year, and results should be compared against the budgeted amounts on a periodic basis.

Management Response:

Management concurs with this finding, but feels that a budget is not a useful tool for the Railroad because of the pass-through nature of the relationship with TDOT..

2011-03 – Significant Deficiency: Independent Review of Bank Statements and Bank Reconciliations

Condition:

Bank statements are not reviewed by a person independent of the reconciliation process prior to being presented for reconciliation. Likewise, the bank reconciliation is not reviewed by a person independent of the reconciliation process.

Criteria:

Internal control procedures should be sufficient to decrease the risk of material misstatements due to errors or fraud.

Cause:

Poorly designed policies and procedures.

Effect:

Misstatements due to error or fraud could occur without being detected and corrected.

Recommendation:

The bank statements should be reviewed by a person independent of the reconciliation process before being presented for reconciliation. Also, the reconciliation should be reviewed by a person independent of the reconciliation process.

Management Response:

Management concurs and agrees that this is a good control. Management will consider implementing it.